

Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP2003/013920 filed December 9, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to enter headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and to correct a minor typographical error which occurred during preparation of the application. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

The claims have been amended to place them in a form for ready examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Proper antecedents are provided and all multiple dependencies deleted.

No amendment to the claims has been entered to overcome any prior art reference of which Applicants are aware. All of the amendments are related to the form of the claims required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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